



Crime is Falling!

We are delighted to say that crime continues to fall in Gloucester this year but there is no room for complacency and we urge everyone to remain vigilant about their personal safety and home security.

Now that the clocks have turned back and the darker evenings approach, we must ensure that our homes look occupied at all times. This can be achieved through the use of timer switches and dusk to dawn light bulbs—both available at low cost at Bearland Police Station in Longsmith Street.

It is important to ensure that when you return home from work in the evening, your house is well lit. Thieves are opportunist and it is easy to spot an empty house!!

Car Crime

It is disappointing to find that despite the awareness raising of Safer Gloucester, residents are continuing to leave their cars insecure. Additionally, vehicles are still spotted with valuables on display inside and the most common items stolen from cars are satellite navigation systems and laptops—both expensive items to replace. Would you leave a large sum of cash on display? This is the same!!!



Bicycle Theft

Unfortunately, one crime that has risen this year is bicycle theft and we would like to encourage all cyclists to be extra cautious when leaving their bike in the city.

Safer Gloucester strongly recommend that you **double lock** your bicycles when securing them to the bike stands in town (Eastgate Street and Westgate Street, outside GL1 or anywhere!).

Bike thieves can cut through bike cable locks in 3–10 seconds and so Safer Gloucester is now selling **alarmed “D” locks** for £10 each. Once locked, the bike “D” lock will activate upon vibration, the ear piercing 130 dB siren activates for about 10 seconds every time it detects vibration of 2 seconds or more.

These alarm locks will be on sale at Safer Gloucester’s King’s Walk event on November 9th and at Bearland Police Station thereafter.

Christmas Crime Prevention Event

Don’t forget to come along to King’s Walk on November 9th to meet officers from Safer Gloucester and to collect your free 2013 Crime Prevention Calendar!

This year we are promoting bike security (see above) as well as personal safety and home security!

Ace and Holly's Christmas Tips

Police dogs Ace and Holly, the Paws on Patrol mascots want everyone to have a fun Christmas so their message is:



- As Christmas approaches and you decorate your homes, please keep presents away from the window, at least until Christmas Eve, to avoid attracting unwanted attention. If they are on display under your tree, a burglar might spot them.
- Take care when disposing of packaging after Christmas—don't advertise the goodies you have inside your home.
- If you are away over Christmas, remember to inform trusted neighbours and ask them to keep an eye on your home. Remember to cancel any deliveries of papers and milk and ask a neighbour to collect any post on a regular basis. Use timer switches for lights, television and radio to make it look as if you are home.
- When going out, keep your money close to you and don't leave your bag lying on the floor or on the back of a chair.
- Be careful how much you drink and think about how you are getting home.
- Try to pre-book a taxi, but if not, make sure any taxi you use has a licence plate on the rear of the vehicle and the driver has an identity badge.
- NEVER drink and drive!



But most importantly, have a great Christmas!

Look out for Ace and Holly with more Christmas tips in City Life—Gloucester City Council's news sheet.

PDSA Visits Gloucester

In September the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA) spent a week in Gloucester giving free health checks to dogs and advice about other small animals to their owners. They spent a day each at Quedgeley, Matson, Abbeydale, Barton and Moreland and during the week examined over 90 dogs. The aim of the week was to promote responsible dog ownership. Project Solace encouraged residents to report anti social behaviour and dangerous dogs and showed photos of illegal breeds of dogs. Safer Gloucester gave crime prevention advice and promoted Paws on Patrol to visitors to the stand.



Paws on Patrol Latest Results

In September a second commercial burglary was foiled by a "Patroller". The City Council have received over 45 reports of anti social behaviour, including fly tipping, dog fouling, abandoned cars as well as many responses to a request to report abandoned supermarket trolleys. Many thanks to everyone—this all helps to make our neighbourhoods cleaner and safer.

We now have over 600 members - if you are a dog owner and have not yet joined, please sign up without delay - membership forms can be downloaded from the website

www.safergloucester.co.uk and emailed back to cdpartnership@gloucester.gov.uk



Napier Street “Have Your Say”

In the summer, Safer Gloucester conducted a “Have your say” event in Napier Street and the neighbouring roads which involved visiting all the homes in the street and talking to residents.

Residents voiced concerns about anti social behaviour in the Napier Street play area where over half of those visited said that there was a problem. Other concerns were around environmental crime like fly tipping and dog fouling.

As a result, Safer Gloucester installed a CCTV camera in the street and Police increased their patrols of the area throughout the summer. New signage has been put on the play area.



Some residents asked that the park be moved or closed. To respond to this, a pilot scheme will run where gates are put on the entrances to the play area, secured at night and the lighting turned off.

The Police have secured a Dispersal Order that will run from 12th October 2012–12th April 2013. This will allow Police Officers to move people on who are causing anti-social behaviour and prevent them from returning to the area within 24 hours. If they fail to comply with the notice, they will be arrested.

Full details will be reported back to residents who took part in the “Have your say” event.

Environmental Crime Issues

Residents in several areas in the city have made complaints of environmental issues like fly tipping, littering and dog fouling. As a result, the City Council have led campaigns in Holmleigh Park, Tuffley, Plock Court and Barton and Tredworth for littering and dog fouling.

In Barton and Tredworth, officers from the City Council’s Neighbourhood Management Services talked to pupils at local primary schools about the issues of fly tipping, littering, graffiti and dog fouling.

As part of the campaign, stencils have been painted on the pavements to remind dog owners to pick up after their dogs. Passing residents expressed their gratitude that this action was being taken and it is hoped that dog owners will behave responsibly and pick up after their pets.



Gloucester Youth Peace Project

Safer Gloucester was delighted to take part in the re-launch of the Gloucester Youth Peace Project (GYPP) in October. Managed by Delroy Ellis, the project offers youth provision for juniors (8 - 12 yrs) and seniors (13–18) years.

Now based at Parry Hall, Tredworth GYPP offers a range of social and educational activities including music, dance, arts and crafts, cooking and sports, all within a safe and nurturing environment. Contact Delroy on 07979670657 for information.

Safer Gloucester took the drug and alcohol awareness raising kits with replica drugs and alcoholic drinks showing the unit content of the drinks. There was a great deal



Dawn Parker and Misha Patterson checking the alcohol units



Byron Davis testing the beer goggles

of interest from the young people and their parents in the harm caused by both drugs and alcohol. Young people were keen to test the “beer goggles” that demonstrated the effect of being intoxicated,

drawing faces whilst wearing them as a fun way to show how skills are impaired under the influence of alcohol.

Nightsafe

In the 2012/13 Safer Gloucester Plan we promised to work to ensure that residents and visitors to Gloucester city centre on a Friday and Saturday night are and feel safe.

With this in mind, Safer Gloucester set up a Nightsafe Group to focus on just that with a view to putting Eastgate Street under the microscope.

Chaired by Gloucester City Council's Cabinet member for communities and neighbourhoods, Cllr Jennie Dallimore, the meeting was attended by relevant council and police officers involved in the night time economy and representatives from the Licensed Victuallers Association and taxi trade.

It was felt that the lighting in Eastgate Street was inadequate and although the street is partially closed to vehicles after 9pm, pedestrians can still be in danger from moving cars; full pedestrianisation of the street would be preferred.

Cllr Dallimore encouraged the group to be ambitious as to what would improve the area, because the City was in a strong position to move forward.

The City Council has agreed to upgrade the city centre CCTV system and following the meeting, the County Council have agreed to improve lighting.

Other issues discussed included moving the taxi rank from Eastgate Street, Taxi Marshalls and licensees provision of polycarbonate glasses and water fountains in their premises.



and suggestions for improvement.

Safer Gloucester will hold a "Have Your Say" event in Eastgate Street on November 30th to allow people in the city that evening to tell us their views of what they like about the city

Anti Social Behaviour Patrol Van

Project Solace's first ASB Patrol Van took to the streets of Gloucester on Friday 26th October and the scheme was a huge success!

In partnership with Gloucester City Homes, Gloucester Police and Environmental Protection at Gloucester City Council, the Van has already generated results with 2 noise abatement notices on their way to residents, evidence gathered to support 3 evictions for ASB and several Police incidents attended where ASB was occurring. The proactive response to incidents as they happened was positively received by residents who thanked them for attending and being able to give advice on a number of issues.

Two residents were found in possession of cannabis, with one now at risk of losing their home, as they were already on their final warning for cannabis possession and ASB. Two rowdy parties were stopped, enabling surrounding residents to get some peace for the night. The Patrol Team took out lists of open cases to proactively monitor throughout the night, with evidence gathered to take further action against perpetrators.

Throughout the night the Patrol Team were updating Twitter and Facebook, and the Van has helped to promote Anti Social Behaviour services



across the city with a great response through social media.

Police and Crime Commissioner Elections

Remember to vote for your Police and Crime Commissioner on 15th November!

Gloucester's candidates are:

- Victoria Atkins—Conservative
- Alistair Cameron—Liberal Democrat
- Rupi Dhanda—Labour
- Martin Surl—Independent

For more information visit the website:
www.choosemypcc.org.uk